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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/784,488	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GALANTE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Marina Lamm	<b>Art Unit</b> 1616	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 61 and 63-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1,5,7-9,11,13,16-18,20,21,23-25,27,28,30-35,37-41,43,44,46,47,50,51,53,54,57,61 and 63-65.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Acknowledgment is made of the response filed 11/4/05. Claims pending are 1, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 61 and 63-65.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. The rejection of Claims 1, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 61 and 63-65 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swaile et al. (US 5,968,489) in view of either Shelton (US 4,202,879) or Banowski et al. (WO 99/23998 as translated by US 6,569,438) or Henriksen (US 1,791,359) is maintained for the reasons of the record.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments filed 11/4/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant argues that the Swaile et al. reference "does not suggest products including two separate compositions". "Swaile never explains 'multiple phase' -- the phrase is only used once. But in context the phrase plainly is referring to a composition in which an ingredient such as a solid gellant or solid antiperspirant salt does not dissolve in the vehicle. The phrase clearly does not refer to products that include two, separate compositions combined in a single container, as required by the pending

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claims. Swaile does not describe or suggest any antiperspirant product that includes two distinct compositions." See pp. 2-3 of the reply. In response, the first and the second compositions of the instant claims differ only in color; otherwise they are the same. Swaile et al. teach an antiperspirant product containing the same ingredients as claimed herein. While the reference does not explicitly teach the claimed first and second compositions that are different in color, it is well known in the art to make part of the composition of different color or opacity in order to achieve the desired distinctive and aesthetically pleasing appearance as suggested by either Shelton or Banowski et al. or Henriksen. There is nothing inventive from the standpoint of the chemical composition art in making part of the composition visually distinct from the rest of the composition in order to achieve appealing visual effects.

In response to applicant's argument that the examiner's conclusion of obviousness is based upon improper hindsight reasoning, it must be recognized that any judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based upon hindsight reasoning. But so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, such a reconstruction is proper. See *In re McLaughlin*, 443 F.2d 1392, 170 USPQ 209 (CCPA 1971).

***Conclusion***

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marina Lamm whose telephone number is (571) 272-0618. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 11am to 7pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan, can be reached at (571) 272-0629.

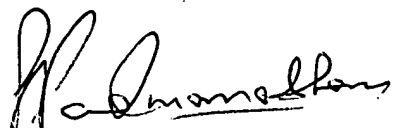
The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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